



Mississippi National River and Recreation Area

Student Park Ranger Positions 2010 **At Mississippi National River and Recreation Area** **Twin Cities metropolitan area, Minnesota** **www.nps.gov/miss**

The Mississippi National River and Recreation Area is the unit of the National Park Service (NPS) representing the national significance of the Mississippi River. This partnership park consists of 72 miles of river corridor running through the Twin Cities, Minnesota, between the cities of Hastings and Ramsey/Dayton. The park periodically has openings for currently enrolled high school and college students who are interested in actively exploring a career with the NPS. Work sites include National Park Service headquarters, visitor center and partner parks in the metro area. Students must be enrolled at least half time and be in good academic standing. Driver's license is beneficial.

Work can be part-time (up to 20 hours/week) during the school year, and full-time (40 hours) during summer and school breaks; **OR** 3-6 months full-time for the summer season. Hours include weekends and evenings. Salaries at GS-2 to GS-5 level, depending on experience and education. Salary chart www.opm.gov. Positions are eligible for vacation and sick leave, but not for retirement or insurance.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Duties will range throughout the park and perform a variety of interpretive services including:

Staffing the Mississippi River Visitor Center, located in the Science Museum of Minnesota, downtown Saint Paul: Work involves interpreting the Mississippi River and the entire National Park system to a wide range of visitors, as well as operating the cooperating association outlet. The position may include leading walking tours, bicycling tours, canoeing programs and other interpretive programs. The work will also include other miscellaneous duties with record keeping, brochure distribution and tasks related to center operations.

Interacting with a wide range of visitors through informal interpretation and tours throughout the entire park (72 mile corridor): Rangers will assist in partnership programs canoeing on the Mississippi in large voyageur canoes. They may also present programs at partnership visitor centers, river festivals, fairs and other special events elsewhere within or near the park.

Assisting with school visits and field trips on or along the Mississippi River: Preparation of educational materials and curricula resources; delivery of programs to students; and related tasks.

Assisting with electronic-based interpretive materials. Responsibilities will mainly focus on enhancing the web visitor experience by reviewing and updating information on the site and developing a system internally that will facilitate the dissemination of park developed content on the web.

The position requires the ability to learn and interpret information about the Mississippi River and National Park sites. Employee must be able to adapt to a wide range of visitors and circumstances, and to work independently or with light supervision. Much time may be spent outdoors in all weather conditions. Experience biking and canoeing (especially the ability to stern a canoe) is helpful. A regular or varied schedule is possible, but weekend work and some evening hours will be expected. More than one individual may be hired.

HOW TO APPLY

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